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1. On 21 October 1953 [] a staging camp at Shcherbakov, [] two Americans there []
 - a. Mr. Homer H. Cox, officer, approximately 30 years old, who spoke only English.
 - b. Mr. Leland Hower, civilian, approximately 34 years old, who spoke Swedish and apparently had been in Sweden since World War II.
2. [] Cox [] requested that United States authorities be advised of their whereabouts. Hower made no request that United States authorities be advised. [] did not learn how or when Cox and Hower arrived in the Soviet Union.

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 1. [] Comment: This is presumably the Shcherbakov located approximately 150 miles NNE of Moscow at N 58-03, E 38-50.
 2. [] Comment: The information in this report is given as received. Press reports based on statements of returned Austrian prisoners have reported Homer E. Cox and Leland Towers as being held at Camp Sverdlov 6118, located approximately 150 miles from Moscow.

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